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SUBJECT: BULGARIA: PATIENCE WEARS THIN ON LIBYA MEDICS CASE

REF: A. 06 TRIPOLI 785

[1B.](#) KARAGIANNIS-NORDBERG EMAIL (1/5/07)

[1C.](#) 06 STATE 158074

[1D.](#) 06 SOFIA 1683

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CLASSIFIED BY: AMBASSADOR JOHN BEYRL, FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

[11.](#) (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH 9.

[12.](#) (C) SUMMARY: AS BULGARIA BEGINS THE NEW YEAR, PUBLIC RANCOR IS STEADILY BUILDING OVER LIBYA'S DECEMBER 19 CONFIRMATION OF DEATH SENTENCES P

"YOU ARE NOT ALONE"

[13.](#) (C) FOR MANY BULGARIANS, THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS WERE MARKED BY DEMONSTRATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THE NURSES: HOLIDAY LIGHTS ACROSS

[14.](#) (C) POLITICIANS HAVE WASTED NO TIME IN ATTEMPTING TO SEIZE THIS NATIONAL MOOD. PRESIDENT PARVANOV USED HIS ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE ADDRESS TO

A LOUDER VOICE FOR AMERICA?

[15.](#) (C) PRIME MINISTER STANISHEV'S MAIN FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, VALENTIN RADOMIRSKI, WAS MORE SPECIFIC, TELLING THE CDA THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTAN

MOVING FORWARD

[16.](#) (S) AS IT RECONSIDERS ITS STRATEGY, THE GOB'S IMMEDIATE INSTINCT IS TO HUDDLE WITH ITS FRIENDS. IT HAS INVITED THE U.S., UK, GERMANY, FRANC

[17.](#) (C) THE GOB IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ITS PUBLIC PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE NURSES' LEGAL DEFENSE. PRESS REPORTS CLAIM THAT THE ME

[18.](#) (C) A POTENTIAL WILD CARD IN BULGARIA'S STRATEGY IS THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO TORTURE OF THE BULGARIAN M

COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST:

[19.](#) (C) THE LIBYAN COURT'S DECISION CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO BULGARIAN LEADERS, BUT UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG STATEMENTS FROM THE EU AND EUROPEAN LEADE

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